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THE RED CROSS



IN CHARGE OF

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Chairman of National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service

NOTHING has so stimulated interest in the Red Cross as the bringing together of Red Cross nurses from different sections of the country during the meetings of the American Nurses' Association.

Not only has the Red Cross benefited, but we also hear from members of both State and Local Committees that the enthusiasm has extended to other nursing organizations. Nurses are joining their Alumnae Associations in order to have the endorsement of these societies for their enrollment as Red Cross nurses, and others are coming into State and County Societies to qualify for membership in Red Cross Committees.

Since the last report the following State Committees have been appointed: Connecticut, Chairman, Martha J. Wilkinson, 34 Charter Oak Avenue, Hartford; Kentucky, Chairman, Eliza Johnson, City Hospital, Louisville; Colorado, Chairman, Lettie G. Welch, 1315 Glenarm Place, Denver; Rhode Island, Chairman, Elizabeth F. Sherman, 24 George Street, Providence; Texas, Chairman, A. Louise Dietrich, St. Mark's Hospital, El Paso; Washington, Chairman, May Loomis, 809 Fifth Street, Seattle.

It is with much gratification that we announce the formation of Red Cross Committees in all States having a State Nurses' Association with the exception of the following: Idaho, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Wyoming. It is hoped that before the next month's issue of the JOURNAL we may welcome these States to our National branch of this world-wide work for humanity.

The following additional Local Committees have been appointed: Springfield, Mo., Chairman, Elizabeth A. Tooker, Springfield Hospital, Springfield; Englewood, N. J., Secretary, Margaret Hickey, 16 Cottage Place, Englewood; Wilmington, N. C., Chairman, Florence Perry, 206 N. Sixth Street, Wilmington; Columbus, Ohio, Chairman, C. Elizabeth Allen, 1457 Worthington Street, Columbus; Milwaukee, Wis., Chairman, Emma A. Katz, 512 Park Place, Milwaukee.

This makes in all 31 State Committees, while our local Committees, with the addition of such State Committees as are acting as Local Committees, number 75.

Our enrollments have now passed the 2100 mark with no sign of abatement either in interest or in the number of applications. Many inquiries are coming from states where there is no state organization of nurses; and, as it does not seem wise to permit enrollment except through State and Local Committees, many desirable applicants are obliged to wait until State Nurses' Associations are organized.

Nearly all of the Red Cross nurses assigned to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas, and whose photographs were given in the July JOURNAL, are still retained at the Post Hospital, although most of the troops have been removed. So satisfactory have been their services that the Medical Officer in Charge has requested that nurses be permanently retained at this station.

On June 1st, in Boston, the National Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service and representatives of various State Red Cross Committees held a joint meeting. This gave opportunity for the discussion of any problems that had arisen, and most valuable suggestions with a view to the improvement of the Service were made to the National Committee. A meeting of the National Committee followed, and a few slight changes in the Rules were made.

It was decided that only those nurses should be eligible for enrollment who are graduates of training schools connected with general hospitals of at least fifty beds, unless the applicant has had subsequent hospital experience or postgraduate work. Graduates of training schools connected with hospitals for the insane must have had at least six months training in a general hospital.

Nurses appointed on State or Local Committees shall be enrolled as Red Cross nurses either previous to such appointment or as soon thereafter as practicable. Members of Committees are not required to respond to a call for active service unless they so desire. All nurses appointed on committees must be members of organizations affiliated with the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States. Nurses applying for enrollment are not, however, subject to this restriction.

A Special Committee was provided for to outline a course of lectures for enrolled Red Cross Nurses. Mary E. Gladwin, Superintendent of the City Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, was made Chairman of this Committee, with the privilege of selecting her associates. A further report of the work of this committee will be made.

The Red Cross was requested to establish Relief Stations during the Thirty-second Annual Parade of the Brooklyn Sunday School Union on Thursday, June 8, 1911. As this parade was to be reviewed by the President, and a large crowd was anticipated, an army hospital tent

from Governor's Island was set up in Prospect Park near the reviewing stand. Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson, Acting-Chairman of the Brooklyn Local Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, who had charge of this relief work, arranged for other stations where needed, and provided not only for the attendance of doctors and nurses, but for ambulances and necessary supplies. The following correspondence gives an interesting and suggestive outline of the work accomplished:

Brooklyn, N. Y., June 16th, 1911.

Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson, 1316 85th Street, Brooklyn.

My dear Mrs. Stevenson: Will you allow me to express, in this formal manner, the sense of appreciation and gratitude which the Brooklyn Sunday School Union feels to you and the Red Cross Society for the services you rendered to us on Anniversary Day. I can assure you that the presence of your corps of assistants was very deeply appreciated by us all.

I will be glad if you would, at your convenience, send me whatever record you have of any attendance which you were called upon to give in cases of accident in the various parts of the borough. I have heard of some, but for our information I would be very glad to have a complete statement.

Again thanking you for your very great courtesy, I am,

Most sincerely yours,

(Signed) HERBERT B. BRUSH,
Chief Marshal.

Herbert B. Brush, Chief Marshal,

June 17, 1911.

Eighty-second Anniversary Parade,
Brooklyn Sunday School Union.

My dear Mr. Brush: I have the honor to report to you the following work done by the Red Cross on Anniversary Day.

We sent to the Hanover Club, Headquarters of the Eastern District Division of the Parade, an ambulance with full emergency equipment in charge of Dr. Gerstaz from the Eastern District Hospital, and two Red Cross nurses, Miss Goodrich and Miss Grim. Two cases of syncope were treated.

We sent to the Congregational Church opposite the reviewing stand of the Clinton Avenue Division an ambulance from the Brooklyn Hospital in charge of Dr. H. L. Wagner and Dr. B. K. McInness and two Red Cross nurses, Miss Outerbridge and Miss Halladay. Four cases were treated here, two syncope and two surgical. Mrs. Margaret L.

Rogers, Superintendent of the Brooklyn Hospital Training School, supplied the emergency equipment from the Brooklyn Hospital, and Dr. A. Paine, one of the attending surgeons of the Brooklyn Hospital who visited the Church, reported that an equipment necessary for performing a major operation was on hand.

We sent to the Prospect Park through the courtesy of Colonel H. K. Barley, commanding 29th Infantry, Fort Tay, Governor's Island, N. Y., one hospital tent in charge of Corporal William Cisar and Private Dellitt Thompson, Co. L, and Privates Louis Frost and Patrick Cotter, Co. K, 29th Infantry. Also an ambulance with two cots and complete emergency equipment from the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in charge of Dr. Hall and five Red Cross nurses, Mrs. Harris (Superintendent Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training School), Miss Steidel, Miss Toupet, Miss Clarke, and Miss Naprstek. Dr. James Waterman and Mrs. Thomas R. French, Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Brooklyn Chapter Red Cross, sent ice and supplementary equipment, so that we were ready for any emergency, but fortunately only two cases required treatment, one surgical and one syncope.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) BEATRICE VAN H. STEVENSON,
Brooklyn Local Committee,
Red Cross Nursing Service.

In July an emergency call was sent directly to the Brooklyn Local Committee to establish a Relief Station in Prospect Park during the Fourth of July celebration, and the following Red Cross nurses responded to this call for service: Miss Wall and Miss Warburton of St. Mary's Hospital, Miss Hill and Miss Waugh of the Long Island College Hospital, and Miss Brown and Miss Lovitt of Seney Hospital, who took with them such supplies as they thought would be needed. In Miss Kathryn M. King's report, she states that their relief station was established under a broad spreading tree, and while "they reported very little to do in the way of nursing, still the committee in charge, Mr. Callaghan, Chairman, extended them many courtesies, and congratulated them on the noble work they were doing, and the promptness with which they had responded."

At an anniversary celebration of the Memorial Hospital Alumnae Association, at which the Kings County Nurses' Association were guests, held in Brooklyn, June 13, Mrs. Charles G. Stevenson, Secretary of the New York State Committee on Red Cross Nursing Service, gave an interesting address on the Red Cross.